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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 109-124 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 110,111,117,118 and 123 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 109,112-116 and 119-122 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 109,112-116,119-122 and 124 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/13/04, 6/25/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 109-124 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 109, 112-116 and 119-122 are rejected. Claims 109, 112-116, 119-122 and 124 are objected. Claims 110, 111, 117, 118 and 123 are withdrawn from consideration as being for non-elected subject matter.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group II in the reply filed on 12/29/2006 and the election of the species in the reply filed 4/17/2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no undue search burden and that the restriction of the claims to a single embodiment is necessary. This is not found persuasive because the inventions are independent and distinct because there is no patentable co-action between the groups and a reference anticipating one member will not render another obvious. Each group is directed to art recognized divergent subject matter which require different searching strategies for each group. Moreover, the examiner must perform a commercial database search on the subject matter of each group in addition to a paper search, which is quite burdensome to the examiner.

However, upon further consideration the requirement to elect a species is withdrawn and Group II in its entirety has been searched and examined.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Objections

Claim 124 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim(s) 115/121 and 116/122 are objected to for being substantial duplicates. When two claims in an application are duplicates, or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to reject the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. M.P.E.P. 706.03(k).

Claims 109, 112-114, 119 and 120 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. Claims 109, 112-114, 119 and 120 presented drawn solely to the elected invention of Group II would overcome this objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 109, 12-116 and 119-122 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the claims include the definition of -OR3 as "a species such that OR3 is a leaving group" and the definition of R6 as "a species such that -OR6 is a leaving group. These definitions render the claims indefinite as the instant claims are product claims with no limitation to reaction steps or conditions, however, the term "leaving group" only has meaning in relation to a

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specified reaction as the leaving group is a group that departs or is displaced during a specific type of reaction, such as a specific substitution reaction or elimination reaction. It is suggested that applicant delete the above mentioned phrases which include the term "leaving group" and include only specific values for -OR3 and R6, such as those found on page 17 of the specification, for example for -OR3, alkyl sulfonate or aryl sulfonate and for R6, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and substituted heterocyclyl.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rebecca L. Anderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0696. Mrs. Anderson can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 6:00am until 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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